

After a major storm passes debris collection along our roadways starts almost immediately, however it may take weeks before the first collection of storm debris at curbside. Wellington activates pre-event contracts with private contractors to collect all qualified residential storm debris and FEMA representatives' interpret and enforce the rules of collection. These contractors make a minimum of 3 passes of debris collection depending on the severity of the storm.

FEMA guidelines do not provide for contractors to enter a resident's property to collect debris. All debris must be moved to curbside where your normal garbage pickup occurs. The chart you are looking at provides guidelines for placing all debris curbside.

Please remember that only Clean Vegetative yard debris is collected on the first pass. If your vegetative yard debris is mixed with construction debris or trash, you will not have this picked up until the second or third pass.

Re-establishing normal household garbage and food waste is our first priority.

### ***After a Hurricane***

#### **Do:**

- Keep waste separated for ease of collection (household garbage & recyclables, clean vegetative & other hurricane debris).
- Put all household garbage in securely tied plastic garbage bags then in your garbage container, to prevent health hazards due to collection delays.
- Follow regular yard waste preparation rules in order for contractor to pick up.
- Place all debris curbside for Hurricane Debris Contractors to collect materials.
- Have Patience. Depending upon the severity and number of storms, it may take many weeks to collect all material at the curb.
- Understand that wait times may be extensive at Landfill or other special debris sites. Watch for news items regarding the reinstatement of regular garbage and recycling collection services.
- Stay tuned to public announcements as regular garbage service will resume as soon as possible

#### **Do Not:**

- Do not expect Hurricane Debris Contractors to collect debris from any location other than right-of-way and curbsides.
- Do not block fire hydrants, mailboxes, sidewalks and storm drains with debris.
- Do not pile debris too high at intersections for driver safety.
- Do not pile debris, household garbage and other material in a 'junk' pile - it can't be picked up that way.
- Do not wait to place debris curbside. Special collections by Hurricane Debris Contractors may only be for a limited time.
- DO not call and ask that trucks be pulled from scheduled routes as deviation from carefully planned routes causes delays in the entire process and creates a burden to those with the greatest need